

TOURNAMENTS RULES – OCTOBER 2015

Caps

Players must keep the same cap numbers for the duration of the tournament.

Match Sheets

Each team must list their squad of up to 15 players before the start of their first match.

Brutality

Any player excluded for the remainder of the game without substitute for 4 minutes, for brutality shall be suspended for at least the next game. The Tournament Director may impose a greater penalty due to the nature of the brutality.

Yellow and Red Cards

Any head coach who addresses comments to, at or about the referees will receive a yellow card. This is a warning and is only applicable in the match in question – it is not carried forward to his next match. Further transgressions will result in a red card being issued. Any other coach, official or player who addresses comments to, at or about the referees will receive a red card. Any coach, player or other official, who receives a red card must immediately leave the poolside and go to the spectator area, without speaking to or communicating with his team. After receiving a red card, the coach may not attempt to coach, instruct or communicate with his team from the spectator area. If he attempts to do so, he will be ejected from the precincts of the pool and further sanctioned.

A coach, player or other official who receives a red card will be suspended for at least the next game. The Tournament Director may impose a greater penalty due to the nature of the offence.

If a coach receives a red card and consequent suspension, he may not coach or play in a game involving a team of another gender in the Cup competition until that suspension has been served.

Team Benches

All players not in the water at a given time must remain seated at the team bench at all times. An assistant coach or team manager who breaches this Rule shall receive a red card. A player, who is excluded from the remainder of the game by way of 3 personal fouls, must remain on the team bench, with their cap on. A player excluded from the remainder of the game by the referee (for Misconduct, Brutality etc.) shall immediately leave the team bench.

Results

Points shall be awarded as follows:

- i. Win - 3 Points
- ii. Draw - 1 Point
- iii. Loss - 0 Points

Should two teams finish on the same points in the group, the result between those two teams will determine which team finishes higher in the group.

All knockout matches will be played to a definite result. Should the scores be level at full time, there will be a penalty shoot out to determine the result (i.e. no extra time period).

Note. If a penalty shoot out is necessary, the following procedure shall be followed:

- (a) the shoot out will begin immediately and the same referees will be used
- (b) the respective coaches of the teams will be requested to nominate five players and goalkeeper who will participate in the penalty shoot out; the goalkeeper may be changed at any time provided the substitute was listed amongst the team list in that game
- (c) the five players nominated will be required to be listed in order and that order will determine the sequence in which those players will shoot at their opponents goal; the sequence cannot be changed
- (d) no players excluded for the game are eligible to be listed amongst those players to shoot or substitute as goalkeeper
- (e) if the goalkeeper is excluded during the penalty shoot out, a player from the nominated five players may substitute for the goalkeeper but without the privileges of the goalkeeper; following the taking of the penalty shot, the player may be substituted by another player or alternate goalkeeper. If a field player is excluded during the penalty shoot out, the player's position is removed from the list of the five players participating in the penalty shoot out, and a substituted player is placed in the last position on the list
- (f) shots will be taken alternately at each end of the field of play, unless conditions at one end of the field of play advantage and/or disadvantage a team, in which case all shots may be taken at the same end. The players taking the shots will remain in the water in front of their bench, the goalkeepers will change ends, and all players not involved must sit on their team bench
- (g) the team to shoot first will be determined by toss of a coin
- (h) should teams still be tied following the completion of the initial five penalty shots, the same five players shall then take alternate shots until one team misses and the other(s) score

Timeouts

During the group stage matches, there will be no timeouts available.

At Semi-Final Stage, each team has one timeout available to them.

For Final matches, each team can call a maximum of 2 timeouts.